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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing portal hypertension in a patient in need of such reduction comprising administering to said patient, via intravenous administration, a nucleic acid sequence encoding a ~~polypeptide having~~ neuronal nitric oxide synthase (NOS) ~~activity~~ under conditions such that said sequence is expressed and said reduction is thereby effected.
2. (Cancel).
3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said sequence is present in a vector.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 3 wherein said vector is a viral vector.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein said vector is an adenoviral, retroviral or adenoassociated viral vector.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said patient suffers from cirrhosis.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid is intravenously administered via the femoral vein of said patient.

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